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Governor Cornwell Made  
Liberty Loan Speech at  
Court House.

Transcendent was the boost given the Fourth Liberty Loan in this city Saturday afternoon, when Fairmont and Marion county people staged the biggest, best and most patriotic demonstration held in this city since the beginning of the war.

A crowd variously estimated at from ten to twenty thousand viewed the parade as it wound its way through the principal thoroughfares of the city. Main street was literally jammed with onlookers. From the street curbs well back into the stores and business house entrances people were packed, while at side streets along the thoroughfare the paraders were compelled to converge to the center of the main street. Windows in the business blocks along Main street went at a premium and from these windows cheers were frequently heard as particularly impressive portions of the parade passed.

Flags and bunting were displayed in profusion from practically every house and window along the line of march, while vividly colored posters which announced the Liberty Loan campaign were posted in windows in all the business houses and stores.

Ideal weather conditions prevailed and this added greatly to the splendor of the parade which was displayed not only by the marchers but by the enthusiastic onlookers as well.

The parade was thirty minutes in passing the reviewing stand, and this does not in any sense indicate its size. With few exceptions everybody was on foot and in most instances organizations marched three abreast.

Shortly after four o'clock the head of the parade formation reached the Court house, where Governor Cornwell, who had walked the entire line of march, with members of the Liberty Loan committee and an escort of about twenty khaki-clad soldiers, left the parade and mounted the steps of the Court house, which was utilized as a reviewing stand. Hearty cheers broke from the assembled mass of people as the Governor and his escort came into view in the stand. From this point the Governor viewed the parade which wound its way down Main street to disband at Cleveland avenue.

Cheer after cheer passed from the paraders as they recognized the state's chief executive and in turn the Governor and his escort cheered the paraders as some particular demonstration organization or a float of exception merit passed by. In the reviewing stand were the Governor and his escort of soldiers. Henry S. Lively, chairman of the Marion county Loan committee, Mrs. J. A. Meredith, chairman of the Marion county Women's Loan committee, Edwin Robinson and Mrs. George De Bolt, chairman of the City Loan committee, Mesdames Samuel Leeper and Ralph Day, secretaries of the Loan committee; Mrs. Vaughn Joliffe, chairman of the local chapter of the Red Cross; J. Walter Barnes, chairman of the Marion County Council of Defense; C. W. Evans, secretary of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce; E. B. Moore, parade chairman, and members of the city press.

Members of the Fire department headed the procession, riding in the fire apparatus, and they were closely followed by an escort of city policemen. The came the Governor and his escort on foot.

Organizations, religious, fraternal, business, professional, social and civil, hundreds of school children and about twenty-five handsomely decorated floats made up the remainder of the big parade, while several brass bands and drum corps furnished music for the marchers.

In spirit of enthusiasm and noisy demonstrations the paraders surpassed anything of like nature ever witnessed in a parade in this city before. Scarcely an organization passed along the street without cheering, singing, or in some appropriate manner making known their presence in the parade and the utmost good spirits and will were everywhere demonstrated.

Perhaps some fifty or sixty fraternal, religious and civic organizations were represented in the parade, in addition to hundreds of school children, some twenty commercial organizations, upwards of twenty floats and some half dozen musical organizations.

The American flag was everywhere in evidence and with it were hundreds of flags of the Allies.

The float feature of the parade was never so well carried out in this city, and some of the floats were splendidly gotten up and carried out. Perhaps the one which excited the greatest comment was a clever reproduction of a black coffin. In this coffin in a reclining posture was a helmeted figure representing the Kaiser himself. Partly driven nails in the coffin bore tags with the words "Fourth Liberty Loan" printed thereon. Behind the coffin came a number of men bearing large banners and were delegated to can the purchase of Liberty bonds. This float was gotten up by the John F. Casey Bridge company, which company had a splendid representation in the parade.

Another clever float was a splendid representation of a "tank" from which repeated gun fire issued. This float was gotten up by the Fairmont Wall Plaster company.

Another float deserving of special mention was a handsome representation of the "Liberty Bell," the work of the students and faculty of the Fairmont Normal school. This float was covered entirely with laurel and the bell itself bearing the historical device in its side was made of golden metal. The Normal school was also represented by a float in which the Normal School chorus composed entirely of young women dressed in white caps and gowns were taken through the streets. The bunch of young women drew up in front of the reviewing stand following the parade and sang effectively several patriotic airs. A float in which canning and cooking was demonstrated completed the Normal school display.

Other floats which attracted considerable attention were the Y. M. C. A. float on which was real life, depicting a Y. M. C. A. hospital which comforts of all kinds were being distributed to soldiers; a high school float containing young women dressed as the Allies with America holding the center of attention; the Salvation army float from which doughnuts and other edibles were being distributed; a similar float manned by the Jewish war relief organization; the float of the State Fuel administration; the Catholic National War Council; the Daughters of Rebekah float, the Cook hospital float, the Women's club float and the float on which "Columbia" herself majestically rode through the streets escorted by four khaki-clad soldiers to represent the Liberty association.

The Red Cross at its own request brought up the rear of the parade, and no part of the long procession received as much applause as was accorded to this army of white caps and red women wearing the cap and red cross emblem. Hundreds of women formed this contingent, including large numbers from the local chapter as well as delegations from the Auxiliaries of Hutchinson, Carolina, Hammond, Colfax, Grant Town and Chiefton.

Banners and posters galloped were carried in the parade, many of which bore words for the Liberty Loan campaign, death knells to the Kaiser and patriotic sentiments of all kinds and descriptions.

At the conclusion of the parade thousands of people crowded around the reviewing stand to hear the address of Governor Cornwell, who spoke into a sea of eager upturned faces. An Italian band furnished music previous to the speaking. The Governor was introduced by Marion County Chairman of the Fourth Liberty Loan Committee Henry S. Lively. Mr. Lively spoke a few words concerning the manner in which Marion county had already taken hold of the loan, and stated that the Monongahela bank of this city had already gone over the top and subscribed its quota of \$80,000. The Governor then took his place and spoke for a half hour in behalf of the Liberty loan, his beginning that he did not believe his presence was at all necessary; that he believed the county would keep up her established record of putting over any attempted war measure up to this time.

The Governor urged in view of the fact that victory was in sight that the people of America would not slacken in any sense their loyal support of the government in its war program, and outlined briefly the colossal undertakings of the War Industries board to demonstrate the immense amount of money required to furnish American armies with food, clothing and ammunition, and to provide methods of transporting our troops abroad and to interior parts of France.

"When we entered the war," said the Governor, "we had few ships and only six ship yards. Now we have 165 ship yards, stretching along the coast from Oregon to Maine and have 2,200

merchant ships in service. At the time we entered the war we had only 200 ships of all descriptions; now we have 2,000 war vessels alone. Warehouses have been built in France in which to store food, clothing and ammunition to supply our armies which are placed and to would stretch a distance of 45 miles. When Gen. Pershing arrived in France he requisitioned the government here for 600 miles of double track railroad. This was built and a requisition now comes from the general for 5,000 additional miles and this mileage must be built also. Six hundred American built locomotives supplied the original American army in France; now a requisition comes for 2,500 additional locomotives. To man these railroads requires 43,000 American railroad men. These engines and materials must be manufactured and taken across the ocean. The governor spoke of the big powder plant located near Charleston, which was built, equipped and is operated at an enormous cost, by saying that this plant will produce 675,000 pounds of powder per day, and this is barely enough to supply twelve miles of the western front with ammunition for one hour providing all the guns of every calibre are in action.

The Governor spoke feelingly of the great battle fought at St. Mihiel and won by the American army, and compared it to the battle of Gettysburg in magnitude and expressed the wish that in its effect it might be as decisive as was this great battle of the Civil war.

In closing, the governor put himself before the public as flatly and openly opposed to any peace terms emanating from Germany or her allies, and stated that Germany having a place at a peace conference or that the only peace which would be favorable to the American nation would be a peace dictated by England, France, Italy and America. As his speech was concluded cheers broke from the assembled crowd.

The Governor left here an hour after the demonstration for Charleston, where he addressed a mass meeting of Harrison county citizens.

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J. Robert Anderson, who came to Washington from Parkersburg several years ago to accept a position with the Department of Justice, has recently been promoted to the head of a more important branch, a position which carries with it quite a large increase in salary. Mr. Anderson now has one of the most desirable positions in that establishment of the government. His advancement is plainly a recognition of superior ability and important service satisfactorily demonstrated and performed; for Mr. Anderson does not enjoy the luxury of a political "pull." His reputation with the lawyers at the department is that of being a first-grade practitioner, an indefatigable student and worker, and of having enjoyed a remarkably long string of legal victories wherein he saved to the government sums running into the millions.

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